

are turning scarlet, and in about two weeks it will be a thing of beauty with its green, pink, and scarlet foliage, which will hang on until December. I do not know of any other deciduous tree which can compare with it. Unlike other Japanese maples it is exceedingly hardy, enduring perfectly long-continued cold, heat or drought." (J. W. Riggs, Waterloo, Kans., September 19, 1923.)

**AMYGDALUS PERSICA** (Amygdalaceae), 33219. **Peach.** "Vainqueur." From Granada, Spain. "This tree is very attractive in the spring, and ripens a heavy crop of delicious, red-cheeked fruits about the first of July, which is very early for this part of the country. The soil is sandy, with no irrigation." (O. M. Pudor, Puyallup, Wash., August, 1923.)

"The tree, which you sent us several years ago, has borne a few peaches in previous years, but this year had its first good crop. It is the earliest variety we have, being three or four days earlier than the Mayflower. The fruit is of good quality for its season and very attractive for a white-fleshed peach. Of chief interest to us is the fact that it is hardy while in bud, our experience showing that it is almost equal to the Greensboro in this respect." (J. K. Shaw, Research Professor of Pomology, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass., August 8, 1923 )

"The Vainqueur peach ripens with the Mayflower, and is a white-fleshed clingstone (i.e., clingstone in shipping condition but almost freestone when dead ripe on the tree), juicy and a little stringy, of fair quality, a little better than Mayflower. It is oval while Mayflower is nearly round. The skin is yellowish with a bright carmine blush and streaks and blotches of crimson. The yield is good. Our judgment is that it is not worthy of extended cultivation for commercial use, but it is to be preferred to the Mayflower for an early-ripening variety for the home orchard." (C. H. Conners, Associate in Plant Breeding, Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, N. J., August 1, 1923.)

**AMYGDALUS PERSICA** (Amygdalaceae), 43129, 43132, 43137. **Peach.** From Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand.

43129. "'Late Champion.'" This variety endures the winters here very well, and is very prolific. The large fruits have firm flesh of good flavor, and will stand shipping well. Season later than Up-to-date (S.P.I. No. 43137)." (C. S. Fouse, Mount Union, Pa., September 1, 1923.)

43132. "'Motions Cling.'" Planted in 1919, the tree fruited this year, bearing a moderately heavy crop. The fruits are large, roundish, smooth, with a yellowish skin blotched with dark red over about two-thirds of the surface. The fine, firm, juicy flesh is yellow, with red at the pit, and is of good quality. Season begins about the first of July." (Benjamin Buckman, Farmingdale, Ill., September 1, 1923.)